

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment before beginning examination of the above-identified patent application, and early favorable action by the Examiner.

After entry of this amendment, claims 1–29 and 31–35 will be pending. Claim 30 has been cancelled, new claims 31–35 have been added, and claims 1–29 have been amended to conform the nomenclature to proper claim drafting practice. Support for the new claims and the claim amendments may be found, for example, in the originally filed claims of application PCT/US2004/044097.


Enclosed is a check for \$2100 for the filing, search, examination, and extra claim fees. Please charge any other fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

The claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney would expedite allowance of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 570-1806.

Respectfully submitted,

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